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1. The Polish ship PRESIDENT GOTTWALD, formerly the WARTA, was in dry dock. She was expected to leave for Poland en route for China.
2. On her previous trip to China, her third one, the ship travelled from Gdynia via to China, Wang Tan.
3. On this trip the PREZYDENT GOTTWALD carried a cargo of machine parts, tin, turning machinery and lathes, railway lines, and iron wire for reinforced concrete constructions. The cargo was loaded in the English Harbor, and the German Harbor in Gdynia, where it had been brought by freighter. Part of the cargo came from Czechoslovakia.
4. Apart from the iron wire and railway lines, the cargo was packed in crates. Among them were heavy crates with no indication of the contents, but which the crew suspected contained arms or ammunition.
5. On the return trip from China the PREZYDENT GOTTWALD carried a cargo of manganese ore, tea, soya beans, and tungsten. The manganese ore and tungsten were unloaded in Rumania and Bulgaria, the rest in Poland. In addition the ship carried dirty wheat as ballast. This was unloaded in Poland, but could only be used as cattle food.
6. The crew had no knowledge in advance where cargo would be unloaded. The captain receives his instructions as to the cargo's destination in sealed orders which he may only open en route.

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